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Manslaughter charge laid in toddler's death

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KENTVILLE A 26-year-old man has been charged with manslaughter in the death of a Kentville toddler.

Just a month shy of his third birthday, Antonio Pinch died in his North Kentville home May 8. His body was taken to a medical facility where police were called.

Police are calling it a "sudden death."

"An autopsy was done in this matter, but we're not disclosing any information gleaned from the autopsy simply because the investigation is ongoing and now this matter is before the courts," RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger said Thursday.

Adam William States was charged with manslaughter and taken into custody until Monday for a court appearance in Kentville.

Leger said it took this long to lay charges because at first they were investigating an unexplained death and had to gather evidence to build a case.



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'Suitably embarrassed'

Mayor Kelly detained by airport security after bullet found in briefcase

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for Metro Halifax

Getting detained by airport security wasn't the way Mayor Peter Kelly wanted to start a day of meetings with the mayors of Canada's biggest municipalities.

But when Kelly attempted to board a flight to

Toronto from Halifax with a bullet in his carry-on, that's exactly what happened.

Kelly was stopped by security at Halifax's Stanfield International Airport Thursday just before 6 a.m. after they discovered a 9mm bullet in his briefcase. According



Peter Kelly

to Kelly, he found the bullet several weeks earlier in Grand Parade, picking it up with the intention of turning it over to Halifax Regional Police.

"I had my briefcase bag in my office at the time and threw the bullet in the bag," Kelly explained in a release

about the mishap sent out around 5 p.m. Thursday. "Unfortunately, (I) forgot about it until airport security found it (Thursday) morning."

Kelly was on his way to the Big City Mayors' Caucus in Toronto at the time of the incident. After being detained and questioned by police, Kelly was able to board his

flight to Toronto.

Kelly said he was sorry — and embarrassed — for what happened.

"I apologize wholeheartedly to the security personnel and Stanfield International for my oversight," he said. "I would never have intentionally caused a security breach and I am suitably embarrassed."

Experts predicting busy hurricane season

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WEATHER Conditions are brewing for an active hurricane season this year.

The Canadian Hurricane Centre in Dartmouth is predicting between 14 and 23 named storms this season, eight to 14 of which will be hurricanes. Hurricane season officially begins next week, but most storms hit between August to October.

"We're definitely expecting an above-average season," said Chris Fogarty of the hurricane centre.

"If our waters are running a little warmer than normal, then that could maintain the tropical characteristic of the storm for just a little longer."

But it's not water temperatures that are making more storms. Fogarty said atmospheric conditions will determine the "flavour" of storms this year.

Last year's El Niño meant fewer storms because the winds are lighter, but 2010 is a La Niña year, which means more storms in the Atlantic Ocean.

Usually there are be-



Chris Fogarty, program supervisor for the Canadian Hurricane Centre, explains this season's forecast Thursday in Dartmouth. Environment Canada is warning people to prepare as predictions of an active Atlantic hurricane season loom for the next six months.

A storm by any other name

The following are the names chosen for this year's storms:

- Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Richard, Shary, Tomas, Virginie, Walter, Hermine, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa,

tween three and four major hurricanes of at least Category 3 (winds of at least 176 km/h). This year, meteorolo-

gists are predicting between three and seven major hurricanes.

But no matter how many

storms are predicted, Fogarty said it just takes one or two destructive hurricanes to make it a bad year.

"The idea is to be prepared and understand your risks," Fogarty said.

People shouldn't wait for hurricane season to get prepared either, said Andy Latham, interim CEO of the province's Emergency Management Office.

He said people should know the risks of high winds and flooding and take precautions.

"We urge people to stay away from coastal areas during these times of increased risks (of storm surges)," he advised.

There were two big storms in the province last year — Bill and Danny — and they both hit in August.

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Trailer Park stars film new series

Production has begun in Halifax on a new Showcase series starring the actors of Trailer Park Boys fame. Mike Smith, Robb Wells and J.P. Tremblay, left, have started work on the six-part comedy series entitled *The Drunk and on Drugs Happy Funtime Hour*. Trailer Park Boys recently ended after a seven-season run. The new series will guest star Pat Roach and John Dunsworth and is scheduled to be released in the winter of 2011.

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Sailors recognized for work in Haiti

THANKS Three sailors from the HMCS Athabaskan, which moors in Halifax Harbour, were recognized for their efforts in Haiti by United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon this week.

Ban personally thanked Lt. (Navy) Kyle Sexton, Master Seaman David Leblanc and Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Hoveland on Tuesday for designing three orphanages and leading the construction of two bunk houses in Haiti after the January earthquake.

"The three sailors were nervous but extremely proud that someone of the secretary general's status would want to meet and thank them for their work," Cmdr. Peter Crain, who commands the Athabaskan, said in a release.

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News in brief

DROWNING A young man who drowned in Wolfville on Tuesday has been identified as a native of Kenya. James Ochola, 18, was a first-year computer science student at Acadia University. Police have said he was swimming with two friends at Reservoir Park before going under.

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Blogs TFC keeper Stefan Frei and Whitecaps play-by-play man Peter Schaad join It's Called Football



Eileen Marsh, who works at J.C.'s Store in Dartmouth, organizes the cigarettes they sell in the convenience store on Albro Lake Road.

Group takes action on illegal smokes

TOBACCO As sales of contraband tobacco continue to butt into their bottom line, local convenience store owners are trying to take back cigarette sales.

"We as retailers think enough is enough," said Mike Hammoud, president of the Atlantic Convenience Stores Association, who also owns a store in Burnside.

While worst in central Canada — a study commissioned by the National Coalition Against Contraband Tobacco revealed almost half of all cigarettes bought in Ontario are contraband — it's spreading eastward.

Hammoud claimed 30 per cent of cigarettes in Nova Scotia are now illegally purchased.

Michel Gadbois, vice-president of the association,

said as a result, the government loses \$2.4 billion in possible tax revenue each year, while last year's \$260-million loss in profits forced almost 13 per cent of Nova Scotia's convenience stores to close, the third-highest loss in the country. "It's coming here," Gadbois warned. "No one is protected."

At a press conference at Dartmouth's J.C.'s Store, the group outlined a plan to reduce 10 per cent of contraband tobacco across Canada in 2010 by making this a priority for local MPs, police and teachers.

The report also noted youth smoking as an issue. An April study alleged just over 20 per cent of butts in the area near the Halifax West High School came from contraband tobacco,

though a spokesman for the Halifax Regional School Board had not heard of the study.

However, Hammoud made it clear that convenience stores did not sell tobacco to youth, with stores offering ID checks and quality control.

"We don't want to see our children smoking," said Hammoud. "We are parents too."

But Eileen Marsh, an employee at J.C.'s Store for about 10 years, isn't optimistic about any plan.

"I don't know if there's any win-win situation here," said Marsh, 65.

She said she works hard to make sure only adults purchase cigarettes. "We're responsible for everybody's children."

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Judge to rule on publication ban request

Arguments from media, girl's lawyer heard in Facebook bullying case

A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge has reserved decision on whether to ban publication of any information that could identify a 15-year-old girl who was allegedly defamed on a fake Facebook page.

Justice Arthur LeBlanc heard arguments Thursday from the lawyer who represents the girl's family and two lawyers who represent the Halifax Chronicle Herald and Global TV.

Michelle Awad, the girl's lawyer, is seeking a court order that would require a Halifax-based Internet provider to hand over the name or names of the persons who created the Facebook profile.

Awad argued the girl's identity should be protected and details of the allegedly defamatory com-

ments should be banned from publication to prevent further damage to her reputation.

Lawyers for the media outlets argued that the prospect for further embarrassment is not enough to warrant restrictions on media coverage, and that Awad had failed to provide evidence to show that a ban is necessary.

LeBlanc says he will issue a decision Friday.

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Power pole snaps after being hit by van

COLLISION There were no injuries after a van smashed into a power pole late Thursday morning in Halifax, causing the pole to snap off and the transformer to break on the ground.

Halifax Regional Police say the single-vehicle accident took place at 11:22 a.m. at 3171 Joseph Howe

Dr., with the 39-year-old male driver issued a summary offence ticket.

Partial lanes of Joseph Howe Drive were closed for several hours as Nova Scotia Power replaced the pole. The work resulted in traffic delays throughout the afternoon, including during rush hour.

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First U.S. Airways flight to Halifax set for June 1

The Halifax International Airport Authority announced Thursday the first flight of its new partner U.S. Airways. The flight from Philadelphia will arrive at Halifax Stanfield International Airport at 12:45 p.m. June 1. This will be the first time U.S. Airways has serviced a flight to Halifax. **METRO HALIFAX**

Quick response units go three for three

POLICING Halifax Regional Police's quick response units made good to their name by arresting two men on drug-related charges as well as recovering a handgun late Wednesday and early Thursday.

Just after 9 p.m., officers arrested a Dartmouth man on Nantucket Avenue who police say was found violating his curfew while also allegedly in possession of marijuana and bear spray.

At around 6:45 a.m. Thursday, officers received a tip that led them to a traffic stop near the intersection of Frances and Cairn streets in Dartmouth. Police say this led to the arrest of Kyle David Cousins, 25, of Eastern Passage, who was allegedly in possession of crack cocaine and cash.

A gun and ammunition were also found in the Hammonds Plains Road area overnight.

The quick response units are usually responsible for traffic stops, drug arrests, and seizures of weapons.

"They are very active units, either as a whole or independently," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmetter. "It just so happened that this night, three of them had some success."

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No concerns over seal cull: Dexter

Premier says population control on Sable Island feds' decision

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for Metro Halifax

Premier Darrell Dexter said the province would not stand in the federal government's way should it decide to hold a seal cull on Sable Island.

Dexter told reporters Thursday it's the federal government's jurisdiction to decide if a seal cull is required on Canada's newest national park.

"Our position is that it's the federal government's responsibility and they're free to make their decision in the manner that they choose," Dexter said. "I don't have any concerns with it, no."

A report commissioned by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans last August examined the viability of a cull on Sable Island as a method of controlling a seal population that has grown to 300,000 from 20,000 since the 1970s.

The Coast newspaper obtained a copy of the report and published the — at times — gruesome logistics of such a cull. In order to kill and dispose of 220,000 seals over five years, the report recommends the transportation of modified wood chippers



Premier Darrell Dexter, shown in this file photo, says the province will not intervene to stop a seal cull on Sable Island.

and portable crematoriums to the isolated island located about 300 kilometres south of Nova Scotia.

DFO spokesman Gus van Hervort said culls are not uncommon in national parks when population exceeds a sustainable level. But he acknowledged Sable Island's fragile ecosystem makes it a unique case.

"It certainly is ... a sensitive environment, it's a sensitive ecosystem there," said van Hervort. "But the fact is that, 20 years ago there were only several thousand seals there and here we are 20 years later and there's 300,000 seals there. So that's having an effect as well."

According to van Her-

voort, DFO is still considering methods for controlling the seal population, including a cull. Any decision on the matter, however, is still a ways away.

"The decision ultimately will be a multi-departmental decision between Parks Canada and DFO ... but we're some time away from that," van Hervort said.

Impaired driving numbers 'shocking': Estabrooks

LONG WEEKEND Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks says the number of people charged in Nova Scotia last weekend with impaired driving is alarming.

Speaking outside a cabinet meeting, Estabrooks says he was disappointed at the statistics from the long weekend.

In the Halifax area alone, police charged 11 motorists with impaired driving.

The RCMP laid four of the charges, with three laid after motor vehicle accidents.

Earlier this month, Halifax Regional Police said they charged 34 people with impaired driving in April.

Estabrooks wondered how the numbers can be so high with all the education programs aimed at reducing drinking and driving.

"I'm saddened and disappointed at the stupidity of Nova Scotians and the numbers that continue to drink and drive," he said.

"I found it shocking, that despite all the initiatives ... Nova Scotians continue to drink and drive in alarming numbers."

And Estabrooks said the charges only reflect the number of people who were caught.

"Give your head a shake," he added. "I mean, what's going on here?"

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Killam expands 2010 acquisitions with \$19.2M buy of three apartment buildings

HOUSING Killam Properties Inc. announced Thursday it is buying three more apartment buildings in Atlantic Canada — two in Halifax and one in Moncton — for a total of \$19.2 million.

"The closing of these properties increases Killam's 2010 acquisitions to \$54 million," the Halifax-based company said in a news release.

The latest acquisitions by Killam include 459 and

505 Parkland Dr. in Clayton Park, which together contain 134 units. The combined purchase price was \$12.3 million, including the assumption of mortgages totalling \$5.4 million, it said.

In Moncton, Killam will acquire Belmar Plaza, a six-storey, 50-unit, concrete apartment building at 460 Mountain Rd. that was constructed in 2005.

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Province seeks gaming input

Public feedback will help create responsible gambling strategy

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The provincial government is looking for public feedback in developing a new responsible gaming strategy.

Feedback collected at a new website, www.gov.ns.ca/gamingstrategy, will be considered as the province develops a five-year responsible gaming strategy for 2011 to 2016.

The gaming strategy advisory committee will include deputy ministers from finance, health, health promotion and prevention, labour, and is

spearheaded by former provincial Tory Ron L'Esperance.

CEOs from both the Office of Aboriginal Affairs and the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation will also sit on the committee.

The strategy will review areas included in the previous government's 2005 strategy, including the business of gaming, problem gambling prevention and treatment, and accountability. But the new strategy will also address more contemporary concerns, such as internet gambling.

"We've opened up the website to allow everybody and anybody in Nova Scotia to have their say, to know who to contact," said Finance Minister Graham Steele.

"We're interested in all points of view, its part of the background to developing a good gaming strategy."

Questions concerning the province's commitment to responsible gambling have been swirling since Mark Anielski, a consultant whose gambling study was shelved in December, ac-

cused provincial bureaucrats of killing his report.

Anielski told the Canadian Press he felt the province was concerned about liability. "If you somehow imply here were six suicides due to problem gambling, there may be a ... liability challenge here," he said.

"I can understand why people would be very nervous about this report coming out."

Anielski's draft has not been released to the public. Labour Minister Marilyn More cited questions about Anielski's methodology as the reason for withholding the draft.



Steele

83% want smaller HRM council, new poll finds

SURVEY New polling data suggests the vast majority of HRM residents want a smaller regional council.

Eighty-three per cent of respondents in a poll conducted by Halifax-based Corporate Research Associates felt the size of Halifax regional council should be decreased. Of those who felt the number of councillors should be decreased, 62 per cent suggested a council of 15 or less.

Those are significantly higher numbers than found by a poll conducted last month by Bristol Omnifacts Research for Metro

Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership.

The CityThink poll found 56 per cent of HRM residents wanted a smaller council, with 36 per cent saying it should stay about the same.

CRA's poll asked respondents what would be an "appropriate number of council members for HRM," after mentioning the number of councillors in other municipalities across Canada.

The poll is accurate within 4.9 percentage points, 95 times out of 100.

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Get on your bikes and ride: Coalition

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6% According to a 2006 StatsCan census, just under six per cent of all Haligonians bike or walk to work, compared to the almost 38 per cent who either drive or ride in a car to work.

TRANSIT For this month's Bike Week, the Halifax Cycling Coalition is asking people to move around the city on two wheels rather than four.

The week, which kicks off Friday, features the Halifax Criterium Bike Race and the free Open Street Party on Sunday.

The inner two lanes of the four streets surrounding the North Common will be closed so people can pedal their bikes and vendors can peddle their food. Bike maintenance, contests, kid's games, and a police bike rodeo will al-

so be offered.

"It's a chance to celebrate the community," said Miia Suokonahti, who is co-ordinating the party. "For people who bike, it's about celebrating it, and for those who don't, it's a chance to learn about it."

Last year's Bike Week attracted more than 4,000 cyclists from all over HRM.

News in brief

BREAK-IN Halifax Regional Police arrested a 21-year-old man for breaking into a Fairview convenience store early Thursday morning. Police say a witness saw a male suspect kick in the front window of a Bluenose Mini Market on Titus Avenue around 4 a.m. Police say the suspect entered the store, and stole cigarettes and Gummy Bears before fleeing. Police say the suspect fled on foot and was soon apprehended on nearby Main Street by responding patrol officers. The man was to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday charged with break and enter.

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July 23 Halifax Rocks lineup coming next week

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MUSIC It looks like next week we'll finally learn the lineup for the July 23 portion of Halifax Rocks 2010.

After two tentatively scheduled media conferences never materialized, Harold MacKay of Power Promotional Concepts told News 95.7 on Thursday the acts for the July 23 show on the Halifax Common will be announced on Tuesday.

MacKay also said details

of a new ticket "insurance" offer would be announced on Tuesday. The offer would see those purchasing tickets by a certain date be allowed to get a full re-

fund, even by watching the show, should a certain amount of rain fall on the day of the concert.

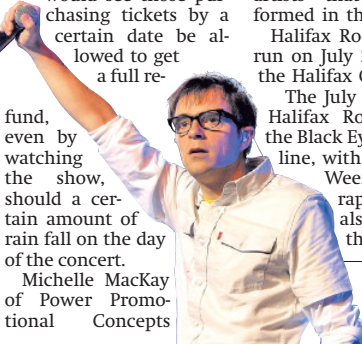
Michelle MacKay of Power Promotional Concepts

told Metro this month the July 23 show would feature a "fresh new lineup of artists" that haven't performed in the city before.

Halifax Rocks 2010 will run on July 23 and 24 on the Halifax Common site.

The July 24 portion of Halifax Rocks will see the Black Eyed Peas headline, with indie-rockers Weezer and local rapper Classified also taking to the stage.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives are opening a sizable gap over the Liberals, a new poll suggests. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey gives the Conservatives a nine-point lead nationally, with the support of 36 per cent of decided respondents, compared with 27 per cent for the Liberals. The NDP was at 16 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

New poll shows Tories pulling away from Liberals

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Latimer calls the tune

Robert Latimer, the Saskatchewan farmer convicted of killing his disabled daughter, has inspired a song by the legendary Ozzy Osbourne, left. Called Latimer's Mercy, it's included on the rocker's upcoming Scream CD. Latimer is serving a life sentence for second-degree murder. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

iPad takes a bow in Canada

Rivals gird to fight Apple as unique tablet comes north

Not sure whether you need or can afford one of Apple's iPad tablet computers? Well, you may not have to wait long for cheaper alternatives to hit the market.

About two months after its U.S. release, the iPad was finally to come to Canada on Friday with a range of models priced between \$549 and \$879.

It's an undeniably impressive tech toy and owns the tablet market. For now.

"I have a feeling (the tablet market) is probably going to evolve very quickly," said Emily Taylor, an analyst with IDC Canada.

"I anticipate the offerings will be coming out pretty fast and furious for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011."

The iPad reviews have been almost unanimously positive.

Michael Gartenberg, a partner with the research firm Altimeter Group, said it's fair to assume some rivals will at least give Apple a run for its money.

Although Apple CEO

Dell jumps in

- Dell says it's launching a smartphone-tablet hybrid called the Streak in the U.S. sometime in the summer.
- The Streak has a smaller screen — 12.7 centimetres versus the iPad's 24.6 centimetre screen.
- It does a few things the iPad doesn't: It makes and receives phone calls, has a video camera, and its web browser can load Flash.

Steve Jobs has suggested the iPad will eliminate the need for laptops, many users have said it's not quite a replacement for a real computer. The iPad's web browser doesn't handle video, lacks a webcam and doesn't allow multitasking. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The iPad is shown after it was unveiled at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. Consumers who aren't quite sure whether they need or can afford one of Apple's iPad tablet computers may not have to wait long for cheaper alternatives to hit the market.

Visas for Mexicans to stay: Kenney

TRAVEL It will be year or more before Canada can lift its controversial visa requirement for Mexican visitors, says Immigration Minister Jason Kenney.

Kenney echoed visiting Mexican President Felipe Calderon in saying he regrets the visa decision, but he stressed it will remain in place until Canada's flawed refugee system is fixed.

The Mexican leader addressed the visa issue during a speech to Parliament on Thursday, confronting a source of friction between the two countries.

Both sides took pains to play down the rift: Kenney and Prime Minister Stephen Harper blamed the troubled refugee system while Calderon admitted some people took advantage of Canada.

Calderon said he hopes plans to change Canadian laws will help. He said Mexican tourism to Canada has dropped 40 per cent in the last 12 months.

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Group makes a splash with a water warning

CLIMATE The federal government is in the dark about Canada's water supply, a new report warns.

And the lack of information puts Canadians' health and the economy at

risk, say top bureaucrats. They warn in a report that the knowledge gap widens as climate change and development strain the water supply.

"As Canadian freshwater

comes under increasing stress, decisions about this natural resource will need to be made with a more complete understanding of its availability and how that is expected to change

over time," the report says. The government has formed a working group of high-ranking civil servants to study water issues.

The report says there appears to be insufficient un-

derstanding of:

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Mountie tells of Haiti's kid sex slaves

Smugglers have been spiriting Haitian quake orphans out of the country to become sex slaves in the Dominican Republic, authorities say.

A Mountie just back from Haiti says authorities have uncovered so-called "safe houses," where predators hide children before whisking them over the border.

The perpetrators pose as aid workers or even work for legitimate charities, specifically to gain access to children, said RCMP Sgt. Lana Prosper.

Investigators suspect some of those preying on desperate children in Haiti also peddled child-sex videos found online from Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries.

It's just a matter of time before videos of young Haitian quake victims surface, said Prosper, just home from a month in Haiti.

"Since we've been there and since we've been back, there have been groups of children found at the border in so-called safe houses," she said.

"People put children into these homes and then wait till darkness to get them across the border. It's happening."

Prosper says these people are "pure evil." They inflict pain and humiliation, damaging innocent minds and young bodies.

Prosper's team worked in Port-au-Prince, helping police protect children after the Jan. 12 earthquake, which killed 230,000 people.

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News in brief

PROTEST The addition of sound cannons to the arsenal of security forces managing G20 protests comes as no surprise to groups planning to demonstrate in Toronto at next month's summit. They say it's just one more signal amid an unprecedented security operation that dissenting voices are being muzzled. The sound cannons are capable of emitting ear-piercing and hearing-damaging alerts that can be heard up to 1.5 kilometres away.

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Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry has vetoed an abortion bill that would limit coverage by private insurers. The bill includes exceptions for cases of rape, incest or to prevent the death of the mother. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Student not entitled to private room

A German court says that a Berlin high school doesn't have to provide a 16-year-old Muslim student with a private room to pray in during school hours. The decision Thursday by a Berlin administrative court overturned a lower court's ruling last year that granting a private room was necessary to guarantee the student's right to freedom of religion. But the higher court said that one pupil's rights could not be put before the good of the group as a whole. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

BP resumes 'top kill' after delay

GULF OF MEXICO As BP laboured for a second day Thursday to choke off the leak at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, dire new government estimates showed the disaster has easily eclipsed the Exxon Valdez as the biggest oil spill in U.S. history. Thursday evening, BP said it had resumed the pumping procedure known as a top kill. Officials said it could be late Friday or the weekend before the company knows if it has cut off the oil that has been flowing for five weeks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Obama: 'I take responsibility'

President answers to criticism of response to worst oil spill in U.S. history

Criticism mounting, U.S. President Barack Obama vigorously defended his administration's response to the worst oil spill in the nation's history as he prepared for his second inspection tour of the battered Gulf Coast. While standing up for the effort so far, he frankly acknowledged he could have done better.

"I take responsibility. It is my job to make sure that everything is done to shut this down," Obama declared in a lengthy news conference at the White House on Thursday.

As he spoke, well owner BP struggled anew to plug the blown well that exploded five weeks ago, killing 11 workers and sending millions of gal-

Offshore drilling restrictions

• Obama announced new steps to restrict drilling, including continuing a moratorium on drilling permits for six months, suspending

planned exploratory drilling off the coasts of Alaska and Virginia and ordering a halt to 33 exploratory deep-water rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

lons of polluting oil gushing out.

Obama's words marked a clear shift of emphasis for an administration that previously had said it was generally "in charge" but there were limits to what it could do — and that oil giant BP was responsible for stopping the flow and cleaning up the disastrous damage.

He also said he regretted not pushing BP sooner to release underwater video footage of the leak

and not realizing that oil companies did not have "their act together when it came to worst case scenarios."

Though he said the government was giving the orders in the aftermath, he acknowledged that BP hasn't always done what officials have asked, for instance ignoring directions to fully explore less-toxic alternatives to the chemical dispersant being used now on the oil.

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Louisiana's Gov. Bobby Jindal points to oil on a beach where workers are building barriers to keep it from entering wetlands near Grand Isle, La., Thursday.

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Train derailed by blast, hit by train

INDIA An overnight passenger train was derailed by an explosion then hit by another train early Friday as it travelled through a rebel stronghold of eastern India, a railway official said. A government official said at least 15 people had been killed and 150 injured. The railway official said 13 passenger cars on a train out of Calcutta were derailed by the explosion, in a rural area about 150 kilometres south of the city. At least some of those coaches were then hit by a cargo train coming from the other direction. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Anti-whaling activist pleads guilty

An anti-whaling activist who boarded a Japanese whaling ship as part of a protest in February pleaded guilty Thursday to charges including trespassing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Tight pants banned

Indonesian district cracks down on Muslim women's dress

Authorities in a devoutly Islamic district of Indonesia's Aceh province have distributed 20,000 long skirts and prohibited shops from selling tight dresses as a regulation banning Muslim women from wearing revealing clothing took effect Thursday.

The long skirts are to be given to Muslim women caught violating the dress code during a two-month campaign to enforce the regulation, said Ramli Mansur, head of West Aceh district.

Islamic police will determine whether a woman's clothing violates the dress code, he said.

During raids Thursday, Islamic police caught 18 women travelling on motorbikes who were wearing traditional headscarves but were also dressed in jeans. Each woman was given a long skirt and her pants were confiscated. They were released from police custody after giving their identities and receiving ad-



Sharia police officers stop a woman wearing pants at a check point in Pasi Jambu, Indonesia, Thursday.

vice from Islamic preachers.

"I am not wearing sexy outfits, but they caught me like a terrorist only because of my jeans," said Imma, a 40-year-old housewife who uses only one name. She argued that wearing jeans is more comfortable when she travels by motorbike.

Motorbikes are commonly used by both men and women in Indonesia.

"The rule applies only to Muslim residents in West

Aceh," Mansur told The Associated Press. "We don't enforce it for non-Muslims, but are asking them to respect us."

He said any shopkeepers caught violating restrictions on selling short skirts and jeans would face a revocation of their business licenses.

No merchants have been seen displaying jeans or tight clothing in stores in West Aceh district in recent weeks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tobacco companies targeting young women, report claims

SMOKING With half of all men in some developing countries already hooked on cigarettes, the tobacco industry is now courting lucrative new customers — young women, a report said Thursday.

About 80 per cent of the world's estimated one billion smokers are men, but more women are picking up the habit in some countries as flavoured products and glossy feminine packaging cater to them. Nationwide surveys in Bangladesh, Thailand and Uruguay found that females aged 15 to 24 were more aware of tobacco marketing than older women, suggesting that advertising is directed at them.

The data were the first batch to be analyzed from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey, a large sampling of

WHO: Women smokers to double

• The World Health Organization has estimated that the rate of female smokers worldwide will double by 2025, from about nine per cent in 2007. The current male smoking rate of about 40 per cent has peaked and is

slowly starting to decline. Increases among female smokers have been documented in a number of countries, including India, Singapore, the Ukraine and Russia, said Timothy O'Leary, a WHO spokesman.

14 developing countries that hopes to provide a clearer picture of how tobacco is used and promoted. It was the first standardized comparison of countries on tobacco. The results published Thursday in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, a publication of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, focus on gender differences regarding use and attitudes toward tobacco.

"Tobacco companies tar-

get women and girls with aggressive and seductive advertising that exploits ideas of independence, emancipation, sex appeal, slimness, glamour and beauty," Johanna Bircmayer, director of international research at the U.S.-based Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said in an email. They are "successfully reaching the young consumers they hope to addict," said Bircmayer, who was not involved in the research.

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Hunt for Jamaican drug lord leaves 73 dead

KINGSTON Jamaican police say at least 73 people have died as security forces hunt for a reputed drug lord wanted by the United States.

Deputy police chief Glenmore Hinds says all the deaths have occurred as police raided the Tivoli Gar-

dens stronghold of Christopher Coke. Officials previously said that 44 civilians had died.

Information Minister Daryl Vaz said Thursday that officials are trying to identify the victims and that the government will launch independent inves-

tigations into all police actions.

Vas has said it is unclear whether Coke is still in Jamaica.

The U.S. is seeking his extradition and called him one of the world's most dangerous drug traffickers.

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Questions need answers

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Stephen Kimber

At first blush, it seemed like one of those tawdry, too-strange-to-be-true tabloid tales. In April 2008, a 38-year-old Digby County school teacher named Nicole Ryan was charged — along with her 70-year-old father — with trying to hire a hit man to murder her husband.

Because I follow most court cases from the comfortable periphery of my morning newspaper, I'll confess this sordid story quickly slipped back beneath my radar as it wended its usual slow-cooker way through the judicial system.

Which may explain why I was shocked in late March to learn the judge in the case had acquitted Ryan because, he said, she was under "duress" at the time — even though she admitted to agreeing to pay an undercover Mountie \$25,000 to do the deed.

I wasn't surprised when I heard, a month later, that the Crown had decided to appeal the acquittal, claiming the trial judge had erred in law by failing to consider whether hiring a hit man was a "proportionate" response to whatever duress she was under.

But now that I've finally read Justice David Farrar's 26-page decision, I have no problem with his conclusion. Instead, I have an entirely different problem —

and question.

Let's start with Michael Martin Ryan.

He's "a manipulative, controlling and abusive husband (who) sought at every turn to control the actions of his wife," the judge's decision reads.

He cut her off from family, friends, even co-workers, put a gun to her head on several occasions, threatened to kill her and their daughter, then "dig a trench and put them in and pile garbage on top."

When Ryan suggested a divorce, he warned: "Don't test me, I will destroy you before I get a divorce."

When she did finally move out, the threats only intensified. She charged him with uttering threats. The charges were dropped.

She called the RCMP nine times, victim services 11, and 911 once. On Feb. 17, 2008, her husband showed up at her school and sat menacingly in her car. The Mounties were called. They told her it was a civil matter; there was nothing they could do.

Instead, six weeks later, having failed Ryan at every turn, the RCMP decided to mount an expensive, sophisticated sting operation, using an undercover officer to entrap a desperate, frightened woman into committing a crime for which she could be charged.

Why? Unfortunately, that question won't be addressed during the upcoming appeal. But it's a question that needs to be answered — if not by the Mounties, then certainly by the province's justice minister.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

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Letters



Public perception can be proof of public ignorance

Re: Survey says: Danger (May 12)

On behalf of the youth health centre at Oxford Junior High School we would like to address this article.

Most of our group happens to live in the Uniacke Square/Gottingen Street area and we feel that public perception is proof of public ignorance.

We would like to share our thoughts and feelings about our community.

We are teenagers and we feel secure where we live. Maybe the poll is evidence that racism in the municipality still exists. So many people are making assumptions without ever having any experience.

Learning that 49 per cent of people polled said they would avoid Uniacke/Gottingen for safety reasons

proves that urban myths still exist.

We welcome people to come to our community and see for yourselves.

Our neighbourhood is home to great athletes, musicians, mentors and great social clubs. The people who live in our community care deeply about it — we do not see it as a dangerous place to live. The people that live in the community love food, dance, multicultural experiences, block parties and having a good time.

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Views

Teach children about race early: Study

InStep



CNN recently conducted a pilot study to determine young children's attitude toward race, which raised many eyebrows. The surprising, yet critical findings pointed to a need for parents everywhere to teach children about values and self-esteem much earlier than expected.

To conduct the pilot study, CNN hired consultant Margaret Beale Spencer — a renowned child psychologist and researcher from the University of Chicago. The pictures of caricature dolls

were juxtaposed in front of each child who participated in the study. The dolls were identical except for one feature: The colour of their skin, which ranged from very light to very dark.

More than 130 children from eight schools were asked questions about who the smart child was and who the mean child was. The study showed an overwhelming bias in favour of the white dolls among the white children in the study. Surprisingly, the same bias — though not nearly as strong — showed up in the black children. In other words, the darkest doll was most often identified as the "mean" and "dumb" child, while the lightest doll was identified as the nicest child and smartest one.

One white mother was

in tears as she watched her five-year-old daughter say the "white child is good because 'I think she looks like me,'" and said the black child is ugly because "she's a lot darker." The mom said she has never discussed race with her child.

The CNN study drew thousands of comments afterwards, including from a broad spectrum of professionals. The consensus was that it is necessary to teach children about race issues during their toddler years, not leave them to come to their own conclusions, which evidently they do, based on whatever experiences they encounter.

Many pointed fingers at media stereotypes; this argument can go on indefinitely. Although dialogue can lead to constructive

change, more importantly the test reveals the expeditious rate young children absorb information, process it themselves, and the urgent necessity for parental involvement on teaching children values and healthy self-esteem before conditioning occurs.

The implications of the CNN race study are critical if we want our children to grow up with healthy self-esteem, regardless of colour. This can expand to any endowment like size and height. We all know how body image affects our children, even to the point of eating disorders. Given the implications of the CNN study, parental teaching overall is paramount from an early age.

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Youth lead way in online privacy

Study points to discretion on social media

What's that? A young college grad lecturing her elders about online privacy?

It might go against conventional wisdom, but a new report from the Pew Internet & American Life Project is adding fuel to the argument that young people are fast becoming the gurus of online reputation management, especially when it comes to social networking sites.

Among other things, the study found that they are most likely to limit personal information online — and the least likely to trust free online services ranging from Facebook to LinkedIn and MySpace.

The Pew study and a mounting body of new research is showing that the very generation accused of

The survey also found...

- About half of those 18 to 29 have deleted comments that others have made on their profile, compared with just 29 per cent of those 30 to 49 and 26 per cent of 50 to 64-year-olds. The numbers were similar when it came to social networkers who removed their names
- from photos that were tagged to identify them.
- When asked how much they can trust social networking sites, 28 per cent of the youngest adults surveyed said "never." A fifth in the 30-49 bracket said that and just 14 per cent of those ages 50 to 64 agreed.

sharing too much information online is actually leading the pack in online privacy.

The Pew study found, for instance, that social networkers ages 18 to 29 were the most likely to change the privacy settings on their profiles to limit what they share with others on-

line.

The percentage who did so was 71 per cent, compared with just 55 per cent of the 50- to 64-year-old bracket. Meanwhile, about two-thirds of all social networkers who were surveyed said they've tightened security settings.

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Feds crack down on web ads

INSURANCE Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says federally regulated Canadian banks and trust companies will be banned from using their websites to promote insurance that can't be sold through their regular branch offices.

Flaherty says the so-called non-authorized insurance products will include life, property and casualty insurance. Banks are already prohibited from advertising these insurance products in their regular branch offices — although they are allowed to set up separate locations to sell them.

Certain other types of insurance related to credit and travel have been authorized for sale in bank branches. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rules

The regulations would allow a bank's corporate web page, where no financial products are promoted, to display links to insurance subsidiaries.

Iraq No monkey business



A boy looks at a monkey that sells for \$700 US at a pet shop in Baghdad. The sale of wildlife and trafficking of endangered species has been largely ignored by Iraq's government as it has struggled to make the country safer. Conservation groups warn that as people feel safer about shopping, the wildlife trade will continue to expand.

GM sued for using image of Einstein

RIGHTS An Israeli university that holds rights to Albert Einstein's image is asking General Motors Co. to pay for putting the physics pioneer in a magazine ad.

The automaker grafted the scientist's head onto the body of a buff, shirtless man in a Nov. 30 ad in People magazine.

The ad had the slogan "Ideas Are Sexy Too."

Hebrew University of Jerusalem filed suit against GM this month. GM spokeswoman Ryndee Carney told The Detroit News the company paid for rights to Einstein's image. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business in brief

STRIKE Pilots at Jazz Air have voted 99 per cent in favour of a legal strike if necessary to reach a new contract. No strike deadline has been set by the Jazz Master Executive Council, which represents the pilots, but a mandatory cooling-off period is set to expire in mid-

June. Union head Brian Shury says the pilots don't want to go on strike but that they have been without a contract for almost a year. Shury says the pilots have been subject to a bankruptcy-era contract since 2004 and that Jazz is negotiating as if it were still in

bankruptcy. Halifax-based Jazz Air Income Fund said it has reached deals with some of its unions, but is still negotiating with several others, including the pilots.

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Brett Favre's recent decision to have surgery on his left ankle gave the Minnesota Vikings more reason to believe he will be their quarterback again this season. He hasn't officially told the team he will be back, but the vibe around the Vikings is strongly suggesting he will return. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



World Cup sex OK: Team doc

Soccer and sex are just fine for the World Cup. That's the word from Argentina's team doctor, who says players can have sex with their regular partners during the month-long tournament in South Africa. Dr. Donato Vallani said sex was part of life. "The players can have sex with their wives and girlfriends during the World Cup," he said on Radio Del Plata. "Players are not Martians."

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Sports in brief

NFL The Oakland Raiders have filed a grievance seeking nearly \$10 million US back from recently released quarterback JaMarcus Russell. Yahoo Sports first reported the story Thursday, saying the Raiders are seeking \$9.55 million from Russell in what was paid as salary advances for the 2010-12 seasons. The team later confirmed the report.

TENNIS Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak beat the approaching rain Thursday to advance to the third round of the French Open with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine. The 48th-ranked player from Blainville, Que., needed just more than an hour to defeat the 32nd-seeded Bondarenko.

BASEBALL Red Sox outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury still has soreness in his left side and was out of the lineup for Boston's game against the Kansas City Royals. The Red Sox sent Ellsbury for MRIs.

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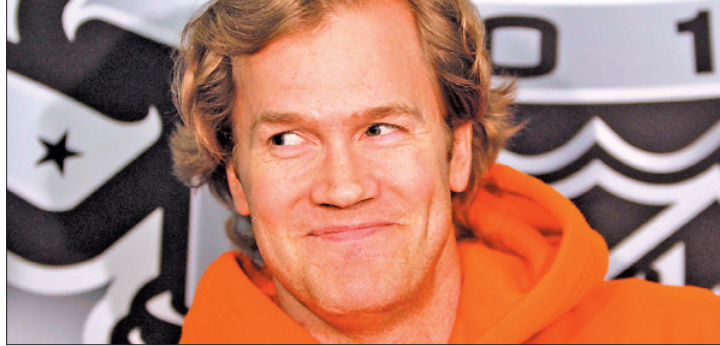
Familiar faces in the final

Between them Pronger, Hossa will have made six appearances for six teams

Chris Pronger was just what the Philadelphia Flyers needed. Fearless and strong on the defensive end, he was a game-changer the Flyers hoped would make them a championship contender. They gave up two-first round picks in a trade to get him.

The Chicago Blackhawks liked Marian Hossa when they went free agent shopping in the off-season. A strong skater and scoring threat who could also play defence, they landed him with a big 12-year contract, figuring he would be a veteran influence on a young team with title hopes.

Some players spend their entire career chasing the Stanley Cup without ever hoisting it.



Philadelphia Flyer Chris Pronger smiles Thursday as he talks to the media in Chicago.

Pronger and Hossa have found their way back to the final again — Pronger for the third time in five years with his third different team. He was on a winner

with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007 after losing as a member of the Edmonton Oilers the previous year.

"All you hear about is guys talking about it's the

toughest trophy in sports to win. There's no question it is," Pronger said Thursday after the Flyers arrived in Chicago dressed in matching orange hooded

sweatshirts.

Hossa's trek is even more rare. He will be playing in his third straight championship round with a different team. He's lost his last two, first with the Penguins in 2008 and then last year as a member of the Red Wings when they fell to Pittsburgh and Sidney Crosby.

"Definitely want to touch the trophy," Hossa said. "What you learn is that this is a great opportunity. Somebody will say you know it comes once in a lifetime and it comes three times for me. It didn't work out two times and hopefully the third time will be the one. Just keep hoping and do the best you can."

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Rich NHL clubs don't have edge in draft: Study

SCOUTS Rich NHL clubs don't necessarily draft better, according to a study published by Simon Fraser University.

SFU business Prof. Peter Tingling, co-author of *Feast or Famine: Does Wealth Help or Hinder Innovation in Sport?* used the NHL draft to test the theory that wealthier NHL clubs are able to be more innovative.

The conclusions of Tingling and co-researcher Kamal Masri aren't going to make NHL scouts happy. They conclude being able to spend a lot of money on scouting doesn't make a team more successful at the draft.

"We looked at how much money the teams are worth, the quality of their decisions and we could basically find basically no relationship whatsoever," Tingling said Thursday from Burnaby, B.C.

Dividing the 30 NHL clubs into five categories ranging from "filthy rich" to "fiscally challenged," Tingling analyzed the draft decisions of teams from 1997 to 2004 and measured how many of those players actually made it into the NHL.

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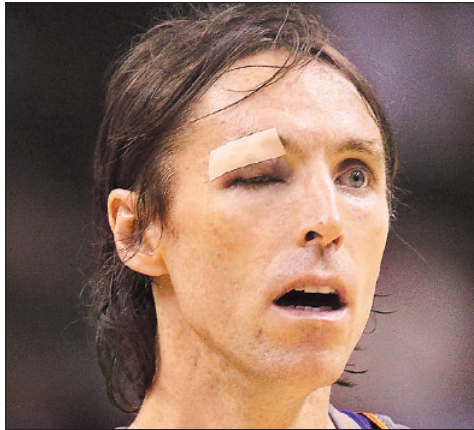


Professional winter sport is driving to a climax on two fronts. And in the land where hockey is king, a South African-born, Victoria-raised basketball player is stealing the show.

Steve Nash never demands but certainly warrants our attention.

At 36 years of age, bloodied and bruised, the two-time NBA MVP is still in the hunt for a coveted prize that's escaped him — a league championship.

His quest for the golden ring is the most compelling odyssey any sports fan could ask for. Nash is a David in the land of Goliaths. He makes plays, delivers passes and scores points at a rate that leaves much bigger men bewildered.



Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash after receiving six stitches to his eye against the San Antonio Spurs in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals earlier this month.

Many would argue if you're not watching Steve Nash when he's on the court for the Phoenix Suns, you're not really watching the game.

Then again, he has always flown under the radar in this country. Nash has won of the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's athlete of the year only once — 2004. He could have been

the slam-dunk choice at least five times, but at selection time it becomes a case of who's out there besides Nash? In other words, we Canadians sometimes take his talent for granted.

He's an athlete of substance — something not to be discounted.

Nash captained the Canadian Olympic team to a thrilling run at the 2000

Sydney Games. He lived in the Athletes Village and was often found playing tennis with gymnasts and divers. He left the court in tears after Canada fell to France in the quarter-finals.

Off the court, he's a member of the Order of Canada and operates the Steve Nash Foundation, which provides millions of dollars to disadvantaged children around the world. He is outspoken on contentious issues surrounding the environment and poverty.

Nash also loves soccer. He remains a very good player and fully plans to be in South Africa for the World Cup. He may have to delay his departure.

There's something about Steve Nash and you don't want to miss it. This great Canadian athlete's chance at crowning glory may never come again.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

With Perkins in lineup, Celtics again look to end Magic's run

NBA It's a good thing for the Boston Celtics the NBA rescinded Kendrick Perkins' technical foul and nixed his suspension.

He might be the only big man they have left to guard Orlando Magic centre Dwight Howard.

Perkins was ejected from Boston's 113-92 loss to Orlando in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night after picking up two technicals in the first half. The league rescinded one Thursday, clearing Perkins to play in Game 6 when Boston tries for the third time to eliminate the Magic and advance to the NBA finals.

"We know what we haven't done, and what we need to do," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Thursday. "I think we'll be ready to do it tomorrow night."

Even with Perkins, the Celtics will still be short-handed trying to slow down Howard, who has averaged 26 points and 13 rebounds in the last two games as the

Magic twice avoided elimination.

Backup Glen (Big Baby) Davis was diagnosed with a concussion after blacking out on the court from Howard's inadvertent elbow to his face in Game 5. Rasheed Wallace tweaked his back in the game and couldn't even sit down to watch film Thursday.

Rivers said they are both game-time decisions. Reserve Marquis Daniels also sustained a concussion, and he has been all but ruled out for Friday night's game.

"Our mentality is: We just have to lace them up and go play," Rivers said. "We have a lot of bumps and bruises right now, but we'll be OK."

The Celtics need a victory Friday night to avoid a trip back to Orlando for a seventh game, where a Magic victory would make them the first team in NBA history to come back from a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven playoff series.

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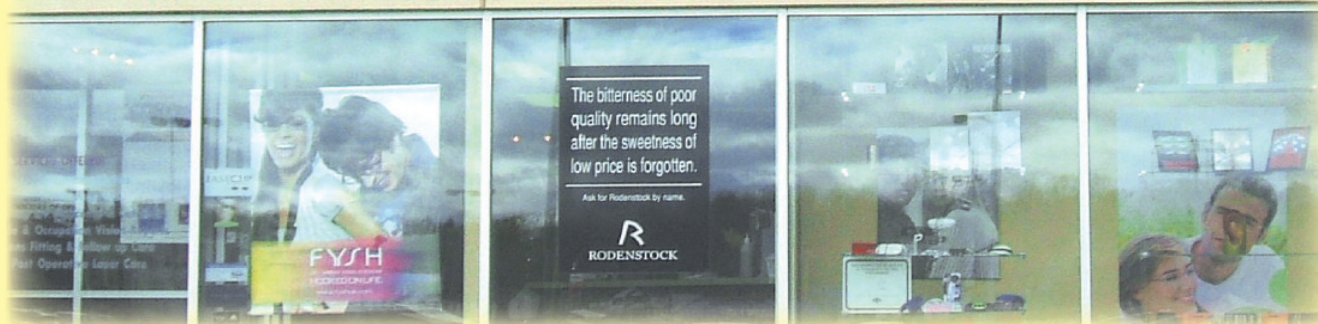


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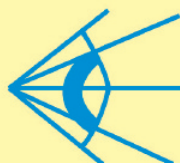
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Alex Boutilier – for Metro Canada

With the chance to win free lenses for life, Family Vision Clinic's grand re-opening is an event not to be overlooked.

On Saturday, May 29, Family Vision Clinic's Tacoma Drive office will host a grand re-opening from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. According to eye care specialist Dr. Jody Killoran, the intention is to remind people in the community about the importance of eye care.

"That's what our grand re-opening is for – to remind everyone that we're still here, that we have all the newest lines, and that we're a full, comprehensive clinic," said Killoran. "From the moment you walk in the door, we can do everything: not just glasses, but the health of your eyes."

The grand re-opening will include a draw, where patrons and visitors have the chance to win free lenses for life.

"(The lenses) can be worth up to \$1000, which is pretty much anything you would want, every two years," said Killoran. "The only stipulation, seeing as we're very health oriented, you do have to have an eye exam every two years to make sure you are seeing well and your eyes are healthy."

Anybody that purchases lenses at the Tacoma Drive clinic on Saturday will also have a chance to win their purchase. In addition to the big draws, Killoran said there will be refreshments and give-aways including movie passes and gift certificates.

Family Vision Clinic will also begin a partnership with Feed Nova Scotia on Saturday, and ask that anybody stopping by the clinic bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the cause.

"We're going to be working with (Feed Nova Scotia) and hoping that we can try to do a little bit of good for the community as well," said Killoran.

The Tacoma Drive clinic's facelift is but one in



The Tacoma Drive location of Family Vision Clinic holds its grand re-opening this Saturday. Tacoma Drive clinic is one of five Family Vision Clinics operating in HRM.

a series of re-openings at all Family Vision Clinic locations. The downtown Dartmouth location, at 45 Alderney Dr., was renovated

in 2007, and the Lacewood office, located at 287 Lacewood Dr., was renovated a year later. The Portland Street location is currently

in the process of a renewal, and should hold its re-opening early next year.

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Importance of Eye Exams

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Dr. Jody Killoran is an eye care specialist and part owner of Family Vision Clinic, located on Tacoma Drive in Dartmouth. Killoran calls the eye exams at her clinic "full health assessments," and says they can detect a wide range of vision problems.

"I think sometimes people just come here because they need glasses," said Killoran. "(But) we do full health assessments. We check for cataracts, we check for glaucoma ... there's all kinds of different health issues that you can detect by an eye exam."

Eye exams can detect more than just issues with vision, however. According to Killoran, recent developments in ocular health technology allow optometrists to detect more wide-spread health issues, like high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

"(The eye) is one of the few places in the body we can actually look at your arteries and nerves," she said. "So (an eye exam) is a really good indication as to whether you have any vascular problems, high blood pressure, diabetes. Even if you have undiagnosed cholesterol, we can pick up plaques in your arteries inside the eye."

Killoran said most healthy adults should have an eye exam every two years, regardless if they believe they have an issue or not. Young children, however, require more frequent testing.

"Kids under 16 should have their eyes examined every year, because they grow so quickly," said Killoran. "Kids should have an eye exam by age three ... Children rarely

come in telling me they can't see because they just assume everyone sees the way they do ... We're always comparing our vision to our friends, to our spouses - kids don't do that."

Getting regular eye exams - even with people who have perfect vision - ensures there is nothing there that you're not seeing.



Dr. Jody Killoran performs an eye health assessment at Family Vision Clinic in Dartmouth. Killoran says adults should have their eyes checked every two years, regardless if they detect a problem or not.

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Computer Screens and Eye Health



A Family Vision Clinic employee helps with a routine frame adjustment. There are specially designed lenses available at the clinic to help with the increased stress computer screens can place on the eyes.

Staring at a computer screen for eight hours a day then heading home and plunking down in front of the television may not be the best thing for your eyes.

Dr. Jody Killoran, an eye specialist with Family Vision Clinic in Dartmouth, said the more widespread use of computers and handheld devices, coupled with the already

widespread viewing of television, has made a difference in some people's eye health.

"There actually is a condition called computer vision syndrome – people definitely are getting more eye strain, more fatigue, from staring at any sort of terminal," said Killoran. "These things don't ruin your eyes ... but unfortunately, they've done studies and we know looking at any sort of terminal ... your blink rate drops about three times."

Killoran explained that when your blink rate drops, your eyes tend to dry out a lot faster. Activities normally associated with office life, such as the consumption of copious amounts of caffeine and working under florescent lights, can exacerbate the problem by dehydrating your entire system. This leads to redder, dryer and scratchier eyes.

Killoran said some of the lens companies Family Vision Clinic carries have now catered to the trend, creating special lenses

What's in store

Each **Family Vision Clinic** location carries a slightly different set of frames by different designers, and each will order in frames if patients can't find just what they're looking for off the shelf.

But with the extensive selection, it would be surprising if customers couldn't find a pair that fits.

At the Family Vision Clinic on Tacoma Drive in Dartmouth alone, there are frames from over 15 designers, including Vogue, Addidas, Coach, Ray Ban, Versace, Burberry, DKNY, and Jones New York. For their grand re-opening this Saturday, the Tacoma Drive location is offering patrons a chance to win their purchase, as well as a grand prize of free lenses for life.

for heavy computer users.

"They've now designed a lens called an 'anti-fatigue lens,'" said Killoran. "(They are) designed for people 20 to 40 (years old) who sit in front of computers all day."

Staring at a screen for a long period of time is no different than using your other muscles for the same amount of time, according to Killoran. She said it's important to take breaks while working at any terminal for extended periods of time.

"If you're staring at a computer screen for eight hours a day, it's no different from carrying a box around for eight hours a day – your muscles are going to fatigue," she said. "We have a little rule we tell most of our patients – 20-20-20. Every 20 minutes take a 20 second break and look at something 20 feet away. Because that's when you're eyes are relaxed."



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Trends in Eyewear Fashion



Dr. Jody Killoran models a set designer frames at Family Vision Clinic - one of the many styles and brands available on site.

Dr. Jody Killoran had not heard of the term 'hipster' before. But, when the ubiquitous fashion trend was explained, she understood.

"Maybe it's not everyone's taste, but retro is certainly coming back," she said, citing several young patients who ordered in cate-eye frames you might expect to see on your eccentric great aunt.

Older patients seem to want to distance themselves from the past, buying more modern frames. But the youth are embracing styles from the 60's and 70's, according to Killoran.

"That's a trend that's coming definitely in our younger generation," she said. "Definitely not our baby boomers, definitely our 40, 50 plus year old patients. But our 20-year olds, our university, college students, are coming in and they're like 'I want something really big, something really cate-eye-ish'."

Killoran is an eye care specialist at the Family Vision Clinic on Tacoma Drive in Dartmouth. On top of the extensive selection of frames available in her clinic, including Ray Ban, Coach, and Versace, she routinely orders in frames for customers of more particular taste.

"We're very happy to, if we don't carry it, if we can get it, we'll order it in. We'll bring in anything," she said. "All of our offices are online, we have all of our catalogues through all of our companies online, so we're more than happy to sit down with you and say 'what exactly are you looking for, what designer do you want, what type of material - are you looking for plastic versus metal - do you want lots of bling or are you looking for something a little bit more minimal'."

Killoran added there is no obligation for ordering and trying out frames that end up not quite working.

"We're more than happy to bring things in for patients to have a look at to see if it's what they like," she said. "If it's not what you're looking for, not a problem."

History

Family Vision Clinic's four locations have been serving customers in HRM for 25 years. Their first clinic opened on Portland Street in Dartmouth in 1985. The second, located on Lacewood Drive in Clayton Park, opened seven years later in 1992.

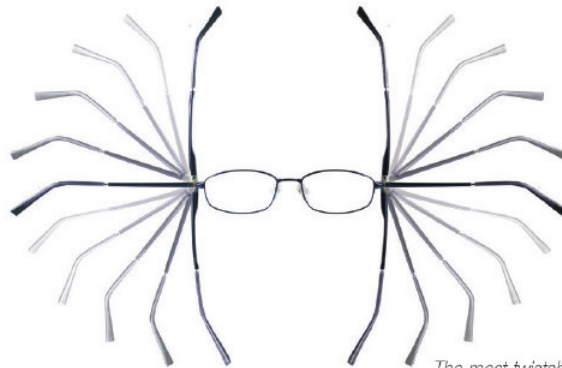
The Tacoma Drive location, which will be holding its grand re-opening on Saturday, opened four years later in 1996, and their newest location in Queen Square opened later that year. All four locations offer full eye health examinations, with the Portland Street clinic operating as a central hub for more extensive care.

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Sense of fun saves Prince

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If anyone should see **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time**, it's the folks behind the recent **Clash of the Titans** remake.

In it they'd find a prime example of what their effects-heavy swords-and-sandals adventure was missing: A sense of fun. The film has much in common with Disney's first Pirates of the Caribbean film, though it doesn't quite hit the summer blockbuster mark as well.

Neither film is ashamed of its roots — a video game and an amusement park ride, respectively — and neither is concerned with taking itself too seriously. That's also a good lesson for any Prince of Persia viewer: You're here for a good time, so relax.

In his first foray into action hero territory, Jake Gyllenhaal digs into the role of adopted Persian royal Dastan with gusto, working just as hard at his character's rakish charm as he does at the building-leaping stunt work.

After an enjoyable character-defining prologue and battle sequence, Dastan is accused of planning the king's murder just as he unwittingly comes into possession of a powerful dagger.

On the run, he teams up with initial adversary and eventual love interest Tamina (Gemma Arterton),



Jake Gyllenhaal and Gemma Arterton thrive in the action of *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*.

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trich-racing desert mercenary (Alfred Molina) proving to be a hilarious and helpful ally. The fact that hardly anyone in the cast is actually, you know, Persian, does stick out, though.

There's a lot going on, but the filmmakers do a good job of keeping things clear and keeping the story moving — though anything based on a video game tends to manage forward momentum

pretty easily.

The real appeal here are the set pieces, with thrilling rooftop chases, tense battles and crumbling temples. While the film may stumble a bit in the clumsy resolution to its story, it's still exactly what a good summer movie should be: a fun ride.

Splice a melting pot of genres: Polley

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FEATURE The upcoming *Splice* is a film set to subvert audience expectations.

Though marketed as big budget horror schlock from Hollywood, it's actually a rather thoughtful and unpredictable Canadian film from Cube director Vincenzo Natali that can be only be classified as a horror movie for lack of any other applicable genre.

The film stars the almost irritatingly talented Sarah Polley in a brief break from her burgeoning career as a director. The *Sweet Hereafter* star recently spoke with Metro about her new and difficult to classify movie.

"I don't know what it is actually," laughed Polley. "It's somewhere between a horror movie and a science fiction movie and a

n't traditionally seek out a science fiction or horror movie."

Polley appears alongside Adrien Brody as a pair of married scientists who have successfully created the first genetically engineered creature combining both human and animal DNA.

Shunned by the company funding their research, the couple begin raising the creature as their child and the film transforms from a monster movie into a bizarre commentary on the fears of parenthood.

"I think what's interesting about the film is that the humans are infinitely more monstrous than the creature at a certain point."

"We've always had monster movies to talk about ourselves and I think *Splice* is in that tradition in a strange way."

Polley is quick to acknowledge that she's not particularly enamoured with monster movies, but this film offers much more than empty scares and it was the many layers of the project that intrigued her.

"I want to be in films that have something to say or are innovative or push the envelope in some way and I feel like that can fit into any kind of film," explained Polley.

Splice opens next Friday

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ma and a comedy, a real melting pot of genres. I think that's what makes it appealing to somebody like me who would-

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Greek brings big Brand humour

Brit comic mined his wild past for Aldous Snow role

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Early on during the production of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, Nick Stoller decided he wanted to make another movie starring his then-relative unknown supporting cast.

"During the first table read actually, I thought Jonah (Hill) and Russell (Brand) had amazing chemistry," said the sophomore director.

"I thought of this idea, pitched it and they both thought it was fun. They hadn't done this kind of thing before."

Well, that's not exactly true. After all, Brand played an obnoxious rock star named Aldous Snow in that 2008 comedy. Not coincidentally, he revives

none other than Mr. Snow
in Get Him to the Greek.

"It didn't make sense for Russell to be playing a new rock star since he just played a rock star in a movie that I directed so we thought we should spin it off," admitted Stoller.

But Brand's familiarity with the role didn't end there. A tale about a partying musician who is barely escorted from London to Hollywood alongside a meek executive (Hill), Snow walks a perilous, self-destructive path — not unlike the one Katy Perry's fiancé once travelled himself as a hero-in-addicted comedian.

"I would sit down with him when I was writing the movie and basically interview him and ask him about addiction," said

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Russell Brand, right, and Jonah Hill star in *Get Him To The Greek*, directed by Nick Stoller (inset).



able ... but there's certainly an emotional truth from his past that we kind of brought into the movie."

As for Stoller, he's now tonally rehabilitating himself as he moves from R-rated road flick to penning the new Muppet Movie with pal Jason Segel.

"We had a table read on Saturday with all the muppets. They literally had the puppeteers with the muppets," laughed Stoller, who's clearly still riding the high.

"When I opened my computer program and wrote 'Kermit' as a character I was like, 'I can't believe I get to do this'."

Stoller.

"I'd ask him what would cause him to fall off the wagon, what would he act like when he was an addict, how would he treat his assistant if he wanted

something.”

If the comedy is any indication, his assistant was treated rather callously. But don't mistake the negligence of Aldous Snow for the Russell Brand of today.

"Personality-wise he's very different," said Stoller. "(He's) a very polite, charming guy who's very effusive and talks a mile a minute and wants everyone to be comfort-

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Kutcher in for the kill

Star pulls no punches for action comedy

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Ashton Kutcher pulled double duty for his latest film, the romantic comedy/action hybrid Killers.

Not only does he star as a loving husband whose past as a CIA assassin comes back to haunt him and his clueless wife (Katherine Heigl), but he also served as producer on the film.

And while he admits they didn't finish on time or on budget, Kutcher is more than pleased with the results. "As a producer, I'm ex-

tremely satisfied with the film," he says. "We set out to make a movie that was a \$100 million movie for \$70 million. We got very, very close. I think we were a couple days over and a couple dollars over, but we kept it pretty well close."

Of course, it wasn't the smoothest of rides. Weather issues plagued the production from the beginning, Kutcher says, starting



Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher star in Killers. Kutcher also produced the film.

Killers hits theatres next Friday

in the south of France. Nice, it turned out, was not so nice.

"We got to Nice, France, and it was supposed to be sunny and beautiful, but it was freezing and windy, and we were on a yacht that was pitching," he says.

"And then we got to At-

lanta and, in the middle of the night, one of our generators got struck by lightning, so it just shut us down. And it rained and rained and rained. We got fogged out one night. Every single time one of those things happened, we just had to completely re-jigger what we were doing,

in order to make the movie, make it on time and make it on budget."

As much as he's seen living the Hollywood lifestyle — and Twittering about it — Kutcher's producing work keeps his schedule pretty full.

"People are most shocked and most in disbe-

lief that I go to the office every day. I have a job," he says. "When I'm not acting on a movie, I go to work, first thing in the morning. I'm at work at eight o'clock in the morning, and I get home from work at seven o'clock at night."

Of course, the acting still comes first, and playing a trained assassin in Killers meant a decent amount of stunt work. While Kutcher did rely on a stunt man for much of the film — "I'm not as awesome as Tom Cruise," he says. "I don't jump through glass" — he still wanted to be prepared.

"I did some fight training. I learned Krav Maga, Muay Thai and Kali, which is a Filipino knife fighting," he says. "And then I realized that I should have learned how to movie fight because on the first fight scene, I knocked out a stunt guy. I felt really bad about that. And then I kicked [co-star] Rob [Riggall] in the face. I hurt a lot of people. I should have just let the stunt guy do everything."

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Ballet dancer Chi Cao stars in Mao's Last Dancer.

Last Dancer pulls heartstrings

Mao's Last Dancer

Director: Bruce Beresford

Stars: Chi Cao, Bruce Greenwood

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Mao's Last Dancer is one of those "inspirational true story" movies custommade to be crowd pleasers.

The Australian production is headed by Driving Miss Daisy director Bruce Beresford and is even based on an autobiography by the central character.

The pedigree suggests heartwarming schmaltz and the filmmakers deliver. As long as you aren't ex-

pecting anything more than that, the movie will warm your blackened heart.

The film tells the tale of ballet dancer Li Cunxin, who grew up in rural poverty in Mao's communist China before being selected for the national ballet school.

His considerable skills soon led him to become the first dancer allowed to leave China to study in America.

He quickly adjusts to the new country's charm and falls in love with a lovely waspy ballerina.

When he tries to marry his way into American citizenship the Chinese government throws a hissy fit, transforming Li into an important political figure as well as a beloved dancer.

The story is touching and powerful, with a nice cast led by award winning dancer Chi Cao, who combines forces with director Bruce Beresford to create some beautifully choreographed dance sequences.

That said, the slow burn two-hour running time can be a little butt-numbing and the sentimentality is laid on so thick that it will inevitably irritate audiences with even an ounce of cynicism.

Fortunately, the central story is so sweet and the cast so carefully assembled that it's hard not to be charmed by the film.

Wonderful and hilarious supporting turns by Bruce Greenwood and Kyle McLachlan keep the movie alive.

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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Music

Winterleep finds dark side

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



If there's one thing Winterleep doesn't want to be accused of, it's being a brooding band. The Halifax-cum-Montreal five-piece know their music is dark, but that's where their moodiness ends.

"We're not bleak people," says singer Paul Murphy on the phone from Toronto's Hyatt Hotel. "We have this dark channel we turn on, but it's not about being p—ed off."

He's right, the band isn't angry, but they sometimes have a twisted way of looking at the world. On Encyclopedia, the second track off the band's latest album, New Inheritors, Murphy sings about a character who "was flat on his back on the beach in the freezing sand." By the end of the song Murphy wonders if he's still alive and, when he realizes he is he asks, "what's it worth?"

There's also a bit of hopefulness, in a roundabout way. On Terrible Man he talks about a 27-year-old who's afraid of aging and has female problems. He doesn't get the girl, but in the end seems calmly resigned with his lot in life.

Murphy says all that gloominess is a "means to an end, where the end is not necessarily bleak but it's the way of getting



Winterleep won the Juno for new group of the year in 2008.

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Paul Murphy

there."

While Murphy says that much of the words came from a personal place, outside influences — the collapsing economy, wars and other world issues that occurred since they released their last record, the Juno-winning Welcome to the Night Sky — also account for some of the unhappier subject matter.

"This record isn't about Iraq or 9/11," says Murphy. "but this sort of stuff will leak into the songwriting

and the mood. It's part of everybody's existence."

Musically the band is at their strongest. They tackle a range of sounds from peppy indie rock on Black Camera to epic, atmospherics on Baltic. But it's on opener Experience the Jewel where the band has evolved the most — it's the first time they've used strings, and orchestral arrangements created by Belle & Sebastian's Mick Cooke no less.

"We felt there was some room for strings on the song," Murphy explains. "We could have done more but we didn't want to go crazy. We don't have a string section that we tour with."

"We've never done that before," he adds. "We thought it would be neat to have it on songs that we felt could maybe use a lift."

How the iPad will change music

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

Now that Canadians are taking delivery of their iPads, let's look at what Steve's device could mean for music:

- A big uptick in impulse purchases. It'll be even easier to say "yes" to a single song for \$1.29. Before you know it, you'll have said "yes" 10 times. It'll be interesting to see what this will mean for the concept of the album.

- This is the real begin-

ning of the end for traditional printed music magazines. Can you imagine iPad-based music magazines that update constantly? I can't wait for Rolling Stone, Q, Mojo and the rest of them adapt. No more waiting for that monthly issue.

- The social networking aspect of music — sharing song recommendations — will speed up.

- Think of what this means to soundtracks for movies and TV shows. As you're watching, say, Grey's Anatomy on your iPad and you want to know what the mournful song is under Meredith's sappy soliloquy in the final act, you can just tap to buy instantly. Same with movie soundtracks. If I were into music

licensing, I'd prepare for an onslaught of new business.

- And why stop at movies and TV? Now that the iBook store is here, why not assemble soundtracks for books? Can you imagine what Nick Hornby's Hi-Fidelity would sound like?

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Michaels' Idol performance a surprise to family, doctor

Bret Michaels didn't tell his doctors or his family that he planned to perform on American Idol. Though the rocker and reality TV star has suffered from life-threatening health problems recently, he sang on Wednesday's star-studded season finale. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Television

Galecki appreciates the trials of geekdom

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Television and stage veteran **Johnny Galecki** is wrapping up his third season on the breakout hit **The Big Bang Theory**, and while co-star **Jim Parsons** has been getting more of the awards attention as antisocial super-genius **Sheldon**, Galecki's slightly less socially awkward **Leonard** gets to enjoy an on-again, off-again romantic story line with neighbor **Penny** (**Kelly Cuoco**).

Galecki spoke with Metro about Comic-Con, not delaying on-screen romance and playing before a live studio audience.

Q Were you glad the writers brought Penny and Leonard together relatively early instead of dragging it out?

A Yeah. Chuck Lorre said it best that romance carot over an audience's head for a long period of time for many, many seasons has been done a lot, and it's been done very, very well a lot. You know, Leonard has no experience in romance, and I think that Penny's experience in romance has not been all that profound or significant. And I love that it's not become the focal point of the show in any way because that just rings true to me. There's always other things going on in your life.

Q How do you relate to your character?

A I wasn't a science geek. I was a theater geek, and I think that's how all four of us guys can relate to our characters. I'm from Chicago where if you're not a jock, then you're not the most popular kid by any means. Jim is from Texas, where that must be the case even more so. So, you know, that's something that we all share with our characters, and I think that refuge that people find in fantasy and science fiction is common when you feel like an outsider growing up. I didn't have all that many friends, but I had action figures to go home and play with, comic books to read.

Q Do you like working with a studio audience?

A Totally. The cameras are really, really easy for me to ignore. It feels like any other

theater stage I've worked on. That's what we're doing, you know? These are 22-minute plays we put on every week.

Q With a studio audience, how do you cope when a joke fails?

A It depends on how drastic their lack of a reaction is. It's funny because you expected the laugh there for so long that you just start laughing. I've just fallen flat on my face, haven't I? The writers are right there, and they're great. It's amazing how in 30 seconds they'll have six alternatives for that joke that's conducive to the scene, the timing, and the people in it. It's just incredible.

Q Do you get recognized a lot in public?

A Yeah, we all do. The fact that we all hang out a lot in public still probably doesn't help. I do, on occasion, wear glasses

es for reading and driving, and that just looks like I'm trying to get recognized now, you know? This has been an entirely different world for us, especially for Jim. Nobody knew who Jim was two years ago, and now he's gotten Emmy nominations, things like that. Also — and this used to happen with John Goodman a lot — because of his height, he walks in the room and everybody looks over. I can hide in the corner, and you

never see me.

Q What about Comic-Con? You must be pretty popular there.

A Well, Comic-Con is amazing. The fans are very sweet. Everyone says that about fans of whatever project they're working on, but I think especially they approach these characters in such a protective manner because they're such vulnerable characters.



The Big Bang Theory's Johnny Galecki.

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| prime time 5/28/10 | 31 | 31 | 31 | ABC News Center | World News | Inside Edition | Chronicle | Wife Swap (N) | | 20/20 (HDTV) (N) | | | |
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN Road to Avonlea | | Degrassi: TNG | TMZ (N) | Past Life 'Saint Sarah' | | Stargate Atlantis | | Cold Case | |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC Wheel Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Ron James: Manitoba Bound | | CBC News: the fifth estate | | CBC News: The National | | The Hour (N) | |
| | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS WBZ News (N) | Evening News | Wheel Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Ghost Whisperer | | Medium 'Bite Me' | | Miami Medical | |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CHIF Entertainment | ET Canada | NUMB3RS | | Friday Night Lights (N) | | The Good Guys 'Pilot' | | News Final (N) | |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH eTalk | Access H | Flashpoint | | Ghost Whisperer | | Medium 'Bite Me' | | CTV News | |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX Seinfeld | The Simpsons | Two/Half Men | Two/Half Men | Past Life 'Saint Sarah' | | The Good Guys 'Pilot' | | Fox First | |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC News | Nightly News | Access H | Extra (N) | Friday Night Lights (N) | | Dateline NBC (HDTV) | | | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR Red Heat | Covers | Poker Canada Cup | | WWE SmackDown! | | | | Wrestling | |
| | 53 | 53 | 53 | TSN Off the Record | SportsCentre | That's Hockey | 2010 NHL Combine (HDTV) | NBA Basketball | | Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics | | | |
| | 16 | 16 | 16 | A&E American Justice | | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | Criminal | |
| | 70 | 70 | 70 | APTN APTN National News (N) | | Fish Out of | Blessings | Cashing In | Rabbit Fall | | The Butcher's Wife *** (1991) | | |
| | 37 | 37 | 37 | BRVO Emily of New Moon | | Spectacle: Elvis | Bravo/FACT | Camera | White Collar | | | Dexter | |
| | 49 | 49 | 49 | COM Just for Laughs | | Air Force | 22 Minutes | Corner Gas | Corner Gas | | The Simpsons | South Park | Comedy Now |
| sports | 18 | 18 | 18 | CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer | | John King, USA (N) | Campbell Brown (N) | | | Larry King Live (N) | | Cooper 360 | |
| | 38 | 38 | 38 | DISC Cash Cab | How It's Made | Daily Planet (N) | | Dirty Jobs | | Canada's Worst Handyman | | Egypt Unwrap | |
| | 34 | 48 | HGTV Extreme Makeover: Home | | House | For Rent | House | House | | Relocation: Phil Down Under | | House | |
| | 46 | 46 | HIST Ultimate Engineering | | Ax Men (HDTV) | | Nostradamus Effect | | | The Package *** (1989, Suspense) | | | |
| | 17 | 17 | MM Buffy the Vampire Slayer | | Styl'd 'The Comeback Kid' | | The Vampire Diaries | | | Center Stage *** (2000, Drama) | | | |
| | 206 | 206 | PIX Turning Paige | (7-45) Star Trek: The Motion Picture ** (1979, Science Fiction) | | | | | | Mercury Rising ** (1998, Suspense) | | | |
| | 39 | 39 | SHOW Trailer Park | Trailer Park | Relic Hunter | | | | | | | Kenny vs. | |
| | 40 | 40 | SLICE Til Debt-Part | Wedding SOS | Rich Bride Poor Bride | | | | | | | Buy Me | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Weddings |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | W House-Sell | House-Sell | Supernanny | | Sex and-City | Hollywood's Best | The Break-Up (2006, Romance-Comedy) | | | |
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| prime time 5/29/10 | 31 | 31 | 31 | ABC News Center | World News | Inside Edition | At the Movies | Lost 'The End' (HDTV) The series concludes. | | | | Jimmy Kimmel |
| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN Road to Avonlea | | Hope for the Future | | Lost 'The End' (HDTV) The series concludes. | | | | Duffy-Gravity |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC National | The Adventurers | | Hockey Night | NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Chicago Blackhawks. | | | | |
| | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS WBZ News (N) | Evening News | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! | Flashpoint 'Scorpio' | | 48 Hours Mystery | | 48 Hours. |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CHIF 16:9-Picture | renegade | You Lucky Dog (2010, Drama) | Natasha Henstridge. | | | Jane Shaw | G-Spot | News Final (N) |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH W5 (DVS) | | Law & Order: SVU | | Flashpoint 'Scorpio' | | The Bridge (DVS) | | CTV News |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX MLB Baseball | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Cops | Cops | America's Most Wanted | | Fox First |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC News | Nightly News | Access Hollywood (N) | | NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Chicago Blackhawks. | | | | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR MMA Show | Score Today | WWE Vintage Collection | | College Lacrosse Duke vs. Virginia. (Live) | | | | Score Now |
| | 53 | 53 | 53 | TSN (6:30) SportsCentre | | That's Hockey! Playoff Ed. | | NBA | NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns | | | |
| | 16 | 16 | 16 | A&E CSI: Miami 'Ambush' | | CSI: Miami 'All In' | | Criminal Minds 'P911' | | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | Criminal |
| | 70 | 70 | 70 | APTN Tears | The Mix | MYTV | Rez Tunez | | Aboriginal Day | | Harbourfront Centre Presents John Kim Bell | |
| | 37 | 37 | 37 | BRVO Arts & Minds | Bravo/Videos | Paul Quarrington | | Star Portraits | Books-Film | | Mona Lisa Smile *** (2003, Drama) | |
| | 49 | 49 | 49 | COM Comedy Now | Comedy Now | Corner Gas | Corner Gas | Hiccups | Dan for Mayor | | The Simpsons | The Simpsons |
| sports | 18 | 18 | 18 | CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer | | Newsroom | | Campbell Brown | | Larry King Live | | Newsroom |
| | 38 | 38 | 38 | DISC Cash Cab | How It's Made | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | Canada's Worst Handyman | | Deadliest Catch | | Destroyed |
| | 34 | 48 | HGTV Holmes on Homes | | Buy Me | Agent-Agent | Property | For Rent | | Outdoor Room / Genevieve | | Extrm. |
| | 46 | 46 | HIST Storm Planets (HDTV) | | Nostradamus Effect | | Cities of the Underworld | | | The Bourne Identity (2002, Suspense) | | |
| | 17 | 17 | MM The Vampire Diaries | | Center Stage ** (2000, Drama) | Amanda Schull. | | | | Muchmusic Countdown | | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX The Patriot *** (2000, War) (HDTV) | Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson. | | | | | GoodFellas (1990, Crime Drama) | | |
| | 39 | 39 | 39 | SHOW Spider-Man 2 | About a Girl | ReGenesis | Heath Ledger | Cleaverella (2007, Suspense) | Ever | Carradine | | Resident Evil |
| | 40 | 40 | 40 | SLICE Til Debt-Part | Til Debt-Part | Housewives/NYC | | Housewives/All | | Housewives/NJ | | Matchmaker |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | 48 Hours: Hard Evidence | Dr. G: Shocking Cases | | Dr. G: Shock | |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | W Perfect | The Family Stone ** (2005, Romance-Comedy) | Dermot Mulroney. | | Failure to Launch (2006, Romance-Comedy) | | | |
| | 27 | 27 | 27 | YTV Kid vs. Kat | League-Evil | Zeke's Pad | Prank Patrol | Funniest Home Videos | | That's-Weird | Prank Patrol | Survive This |

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| | 7 | 7 | 7 | ASN Road to Avonlea | | TMZ (N) | | Cold Case | | Would Be Kings (2008), Ben Bass (DVS) | | | |
| | 11 | 11 | 11 | CBC Geologic Journey | | Shania: A Life in Eight Albums (2005, Docudrama) | | | | CBC News: The National | | fifth estate | |
| | 32 | 32 | 32 | CBS Evening News | WBZ News (N) | 60 Minutes Presents: Gotti | | 60 Minutes (HDTV) (N) | | Cold Case 'Forensics' | | Cold Case | |
| | 6 | 6 | 6 | CHIF Global Nat. | Family Guy | The Simpsons | Cleveland Sh | The Summit (2008, Suspense) | Mia | Maestro. | | News Final (N) | |
| | 9 | 9 | 9 | CJCH Degrassi: TNG | Degrassi: TNG | Turn the Beat Around (2010, Drama) | Romina D'Ugo. | | | Criminal Minds (N) | | CTV News | |
| | 36 | 36 | 36 | FOX (6) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Coca-Cola 600. (HDTV) From Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live) | | | | | | | | | |
| | 12 | 12 | 12 | NBC News | Nightly News | Dateline NBC (HDTV) | | | | | Saturday Night Live in the 2000s | | |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | SCOR Sports Camp 360 | | The WWE Experience | | MMA Fight Night | | | Score Rewind | | Score Now |
| | 53 | 53 | 53 | TSN FightCentre | | North American Poker Tour | | Boxing | NBA Basketball | | Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic. | | |
| | 16 | 16 | 16 | A&E Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | Exterminator | |
| | 70 | 70 | 70 | APTN Mighty River | Down2Earth | Canadian Geographic | | Call of the Wild | | We Shall Remain 'Wounded Knee' | | | |
| | 37 | 37 | 37 | BRVO Paul Quarrington | | Arts & Minds | Bravo/FACT | Spectacle: Elvis | | The Legend of Zorro (2005, Adventure) | | | |
| | 49 | 49 | 49 | COM Laughs | | Hiccups | Dan for Mayor | Comedy Now | Comedy Now | South Park | Ugly Amer | Summer | |
| sports | 18 | 18 | 18 | CNN Newsroom | | Newsroom | | State of the Union | | Larry King Live | | Newsroom | |
| | 38 | 38 | 38 | DISC Cash Cab | How It's Made | MythBusters | | Into the Universe | | Into the Universe | | MythBusters | |
| | 34 | 48 | HGTV Holmes Inspection | | House | | House | Sarah's House | Home to Flip | | Holmes Inspection | House-Bryan | |
| | 46 | 46 | HIST Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV) | | Ice Road Truckers (HDTV) | | Inside the Vietnam War | | | We Were Soldiers *** (2002, War) | | | |
| | 17 | 17 | 17 | MM Secret Life of American Teen | | Secret Life of American Teen | | Degrassi | Styl'd | | Video on Trial | Video on Trial | |
| | 206 | 206 | 206 | PIX (5:45) The Family Man | | Charade *** (1963, Suspense) | Cary Grant. | | | | The Truth About Charlie ** (2002) | | |
| | 39 | 39 | 39 | SHOW Disturbia | Kink in Hair | Pure Pwnage | Trailer Park | Devil's Diary (2007, Suspense) | Alexx Johnson. | | | Resident Evil | |
| | 40 | 40 | 40 | SLICE Buy Me | Buy Me | The Big Flip | Marriage | Rich Bride Poor Bride | | Wedding SOS | Wedding SOS | Shen Genius | |
| | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | TLC LA Ink (HDTV) | LA Ink (HDTV) | My Shocking Story | | | My Shocking Story (N) | | Paralyzed | |
| | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | W Hwd 10 Best | Hollywood's Best | Supernanny | | Love It or List It | | Silk * (2007, Drama) | Keira Knightley. | |
| | 27 | 27 | 27 | YTV Air Bud: Golden Receiver * (1998, Comedy-Drama) | | | | To Be Indie | Family Biz | | Fries That? / Fries That? | Survive This | |

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Television

The dreaded label

Too many flops, and you get that name

The term "showkiller" can send a chill down the spine of any TV star. Just ask Eric Balfour.

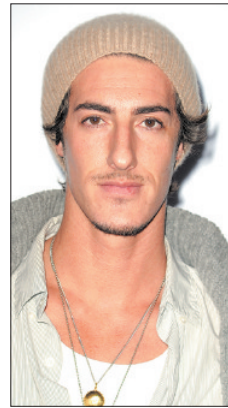
The California native is among a handful of actors and actresses who have occasionally been singled out by critics as "showkillers" — people who practically guarantee a series will not catch on with audiences.

"I kept auditioning for television shows that went to pilot, the network picked it up and it went on the air," says Balfour, currently shooting the Showcase and Syfy drama Haven in Nova Scotia.

"For whatever reason, those shows didn't stay on the air. And there was a moment when everyone went, 'Oh, it's Eric...'"

Landing a role in a Dick Wolf legal drama in 2006 seemed like Balfour's ticket to renewal. But when even Conviction failed to win a renewal verdict, critics pounced, and that seems unfair, says Balfour. He argues that he has no control over writing, producing or scheduling, suggesting, "people in the press sometimes can be malicious and sensational."

Part of the showkiller rap can be blamed on the semi-annual network press tours in Los Angeles, where cast members and producers are paraded out on stages each new season.



Eric Balfour in shooting yet another series.



Paula Marshall's latest series was just cancelled.

Many critics in that room keep seeing the same faces every year, and after a few flops, the "showkiller" tag starts to surface.

Paula Marshall is a prime example. While her press tour appearances are usually winners, she seems to have bad luck landing a series that sticks. Critics generally rooted for her in the 1998-99 series Cupid, but it was cancelled after 15 episodes.

Within eight years, she starred in six different series that lasted less than a season, including Snoops (1999) and Hidden Hills (2002). Gary Unmarried was her first series to be picked up past the first season; it was just cancelled at CBS.

In good company

- All of the actors on the long-running hit Friends were in flops before striking sitcom gold. Matthew Perry, who returns in the NBC mid-season series Mr. Sunshine next season, was pretty much ignored on such forgotten comedies as Second Chance, Sydney and Home Free. Matt LeBlanc, coming back to TV in the cable

series Episodes, suffered through TV 101, Top of the Heap and Vinnie & Bobby.

- Hollywood A-Lister George Clooney paid his dues in several short-lived shows before breaking through in ER. He even appeared in a previous hospital series called E/R as well as such forgotten shows as Baby Talk.

The good news for actors like Balfour and Marshall is that Hollywood casting agents keep seeking out these same actors for series roles. Many of the stars recently announced for the upcoming 2010-11 TV season are familiar faces, with William Shatner, Tom Selleck and Jim Belushi all part of the mix.

You wouldn't call Ed Asner a showkiller, but beyond his two long-running hits, The Mary Tyler Moore Show and Lou Grant, he has had roles in a dozen flops, including The Bronx Zoo, Center of the Universe and Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip.

Popular TV stars such as Robert Urich (Vegas, Spenser for Hire) and Harry Morgan (MASH) also had more misses than hits. Even Bob Newhart struck out before and after his sitcom classics of the '70s and '80s.

The showkiller tag even pre-dates TV itself. Katharine Hepburn was dismissed as "box office poison" back in the '30s before enjoying a long, Oscar-winning career.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trudeau enters fictional politics

Political star Justin Trudeau is the latest real-life politician to appear on the upcoming city hall sitcom She's The Mayor.

Producers of the VisionTV series say the eldest son of former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau visited the Toronto set to earlier this week.

She's The Mayor stars Janet-Laine Green as Iris Peters, the neophyte mayor of the dysfunctional city

of Fairfax.

Colin Mochrie plays the tightly wound, germophobic city manager Scott Lindford, while Tonya Lee Williams is Iris's glamorous, self-involved communications director, Maxine Williams.



Justin Trudeau

Trudeau, a Liberal MP for the Montreal riding of Papineau, is just the latest political figure to join the cast for a cameo. Others have included former prime minister Kim Campbell and former MP Jean Augustine.

She's the Mayor is expected to premiere later this year on the multi-faith and multicultural broadcaster VisionTV.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nelson cuts his hair

Country music fans have come to expect a little eccentricity from legendary crooner Willie Nelson, but he pulled off a real shocker this time. The singer cut off his signature waist-deep, reddish pigtails! **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Going Out****Mix of Six****David Gray**

When: Friday, 8 p.m.

Where: Halifax Metro Centre

This British singer-songwriter is coming to Halifax as part of his Draw The Line tour. The Grammy award-winning artist has sold over 12 million albums throughout his career. Royal Wood is the opening act with tickets costing \$47 and \$60. They are available at ticketatlantic.com.

Peter Pan

When: Through Sunday

Where: Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall

This musical fairy that comes to life in this hit with audiences is closing after a close to two-month run. The play stars Stephen Roberts in the role of Peter Pan, and will see the Ontario-born actor doing many acrobatic moves on stage. For ticket information, visit neptunetheatre.com.

Daniel O'Donnell

When: Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Halifax Metro Centre

This popular Irish singer is coming to Halifax as part of a North American tour. O'Donnell's music is described as a mix between folk and country, with more than 10 million records sold to date. Tickets are \$62 each and available through ticketatlantic.com.

Opera Nova Scotia

When: Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday,

2 p.m.

Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre

Titled Mozart's Zaide, this presentation from Opera Nova Scotia will mark the first time this musical play by Mozart will be a fully staged production with orchestra in Canada. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. Phone 494-3820.

Halifax West High School presents A Chorus Line

When: Friday, 8 p.m. and

Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Where: Bella Rose Arts Centre

This Tony Award-winning play and Pulitzer Prize winner for drama is taking to the stage inside Halifax West. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors, students and children. They are available at the door and at bellaroseartscentre.com.

Scotia Speedworld's Weekly Racing Series

When: Sunday, 2 p.m.

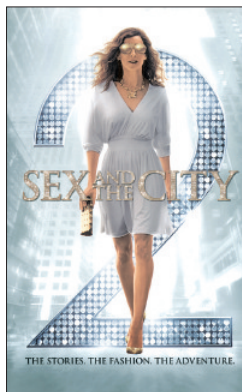
Where: Scotia Speedworld

Racing will take to the oval track in six divisions, including sportsman, legends and thunder. Sunday also marks the 23th birthday of the race track next to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport, so expect some cake. For complete details, visit scotiaspeedworld.com.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now**1****SATC 2**

BOOK On your way out to

catch the sequel this weekend, check out Sex And The City 2: The Stories. The Fashion. The Adventure (Running Press) for a detailed look at the glamorous ensembles the four fabulous friends wear on their adventure from New York City to the Middle East. Label information on each piece of clothing as well as tons of beautiful photos make up the bulk of the book. However, behind-the-scenes stories, actor interviews and a look at other key cast members are also included. Available at Chapters stores nationwide for \$25.

**2****iPAD**

TECHNOLOGY Expect long lines at your local Apple, Best Buy, Future Shop and other tech stores on Friday: Apple's new iPad — enabling you to browse the net, read books and newspapers, and do a number of other cool things — officially goes on sale.

3**Simon Cowell**

TV He may be one of the most derisive people on TV, but Simon Cowell still got the send-off he deserved on American Idol on Wednesday night. The man who helped ring-in reality television — and is quitting the show after nine seasons — did it right, with guest stars Carrie Underwood, Christina Aguilera and Janet Jackson.

**4****Alice in Wonderland**

DVD Tim Burton's take on the classic Alice in Wonder-

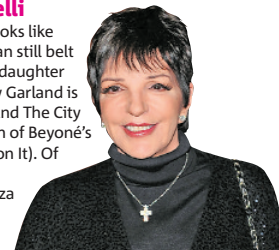
land hits store shelves on Tuesday. The director's new spin on the story of the Mad Hatter, White Queen and Red Queen will be available in DVD and Blu-Ray and digital copies.

**5****Arcade Fire**

MUSIC Montreal indie sensation Arcade Fire announced this week that new album The Suburbs will be released on Aug. 3. A limited edition 12-inch will be available in stores on May 27, featuring singles Month of May and The Suburbs. Both those tracks are also currently streaming at arcadefire.com.

6**Liza Minnelli**

CELEBRITY It looks like Liza Minnelli can still belt them out. The daughter of the late Judy Garland is featured in the new Sex And The City movie doing her rendition of Beyoncé's Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It). Of course, we all know what happened the last time Liza tied the knot.

**7****Butting Out**

HEALTH There's no better way mark the start of the summer season than by butting-out, at least that's part of the idea behind World No Tobacco Day on Monday. Those thinking of quitting can visit smokershelpline.ca for some tips.

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Michael Jackson's former doctor lost a bid in a California court to resolve a child support issue that threatens his Nevada medical license. A hearing is set June 25 before a Family Court hearing officer in Las Vegas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Entertainment

Perfecting the sting

Master distiller shares scotch appreciation rules

TIM WIECLAWSKI
for Metro Canada

I find scotch a little hard to swallow. Straight scotch is tough to drink and stings going down. It makes you wonder why people drink it.

As it turns out, I'm not alone. Even Ian Millar, the master distiller and brand ambassador for Glenfiddich, likes his scotch with a couple drops of water in it. That takes the sting from the alcohol and helps bring out the toffee and caramel flavours.

"It changes it hugely," said Millar, when we sat down at Tosca Ristorante in downtown Ottawa, Ont., to sample Glenfiddich's 12, 15, and 18-year-old scotches.

However, the bite when swallowed is a part of the drinking experience. Scotch is meant to be taken in small quantities, he said — two, maybe three glasses, over the course of an evening, and that's it.

"It's not about knocking it back to get drunk," he said. "It's just to gentle you down. A couple whiskies a night is good enough. You're comfortable. You can't drive home but you're still going to be okay the



Glenfiddich ambassador and master distiller Ian Millar, left, teaches Metro reporter Tim Wieclawski how to appreciate scotch recently.

next morning."

There are no rules to drinking scotch, but Millar suggests drinking it at room temperature or slightly warmer in order to bring out the flavours in the scotch.

Millar even wraps his hands around his glass to transfer his body heat to the liquid. When it's warmed up a bit, a light pear flavour should be detectable also, he said.

"That's why single malt doesn't really work with ice," said Millar. "But it does in hot countries on very hot days."

According to the law, all

single-malt scotch must be in its cask for at least three years. The distilling process involves a delicate balance of liquids matured in European and American Oak casks, that add something different to the flavour, said Millar.

In the 15-year-old Scotch, they use virgin American oak casks to inject a layer of honey sweetness, European oak to infuse it with a hint of raisin; and ex-bourbon casks to add some spice to the mix.

"If you're going to have a scotch before breakfast, this is a good one," joked Millar.

An 18-year-old scotch is going to have much more flavour and aroma because it has spent six more years in the cask.

Glenfiddich does special editions of older vintages. This year in Canada, they are releasing two bottles of 50-year-old scotch. One bottle is available to only those with \$30,000 lying around. The other bottle though will be opened for a special tasting event at the Fairmont Banff Springs. The only way to take part in that is to win a spot from the "North of 50" Father's Day contest, open now at glenfiddich.ca.

Polanski's life, 8 months on

PEOPLE The chalet doors and windows are wide open. Deck chairs are set up on the patio and the garden is strewn with daffodils and wild flowers.

Roman Polanski appears to be leading a charmed existence under house arrest in the luxury resort of Gstaad, as he awaits word from Swiss authorities on whether he'll be extradited to the United States for raping a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

And he may not be going anywhere soon.

Eight months after his arrest, the Swiss Justice Ministry still won't say when it will decide whether the 76-year-old director should be sent back to Los Angeles to face sentencing for unlawful sexual intercourse. And officials won't even say what the holdup is.

For Polanski, confined since December to his Gstaad chalet and garden, life seems to be moving on as well as could be imagined when an electronic monitoring bracelet is



Roman Polanski

wrapped around your ankle.

His critically acclaimed film *The Ghost Writer* continues its global rollout, and people close to the filmmaker say he's looking into directing a movie version of the Broadway show *God of Carnage* provided his legal situation clears up.

On a recent afternoon, his home was the very picture of Alpine calm as the wind swept through two sets of open double-doors to his backyard and another to a first-floor balcony.

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Celebrity Buzz

Lohan really did lose her passport

BUT HER DOG DENIES CLAIMS OF EATING HER HOMEWORK It turns out that Lindsay Lohan was telling the truth about having a return flight from France booked for last week to get her home in time for the court date that she ended up missing, according to TMZ. Lohan used a travel agency in Nashville to purchase the \$6,860 ticket on Swiss Air but claims she couldn't

take the flight because her passport had been stolen. But she's running out of allies, with ex-boyfriend Aaron Carter saying he hopes she ends up in jail. "It hurts me to see that. I hope she can really learn something from this," Carter says, according to Hollyscoop. "They are going to make an example of you now, Lindsay, and you deserve it."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Bieber has a filthy mouth?

SO HE MIGHT BE A NORMAL TEENAGER AFTER ALL Maybe the strain of being a teen sensation is getting to Justin Bieber. Reports are surfacing of some alarming behavior while on his promotional tour.

"Our floor manager was directing him to where he was about to perform and he turned around and said, 'Don't ever f---ing touch me again,'" Australian TV show host David Koch says during an interview with Mix FM in Sydney. "His audio guy said, 'Don't take offense, mate. He tells us that all the time.'" And

while in England, Bieber reportedly gave an interviewer the middle finger and stormed out after being asked about his tattoo, according to Perez Hilton.

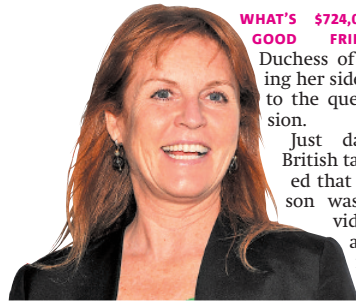
METRO WORLD NEWS

Carey, Cannon to be parents?

OR MAYBE SHE JUST DIDN'T WANT TO DO A TYLER PERRY FILM Mariah Carey has suddenly dropped out of Tyler Perry's film adaptation of For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf, fueling speculation that the singer and husband Nick Cannon may be expecting a child. "She is not doing the movie because her doctor advised her not to," a rep for Carey tells Us Weekly.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fergie going on Oprah



WHAT'S \$724,000 BETWEEN GOOD FRIENDS? The Duchess of York is taking her side of the story to the queen of television.

Just days ago, a British tabloid reported that Sarah Ferguson was caught on video offering access to her former husband,

Prince Andrew, for \$724,000. Now, she's going to tell her side of the story to Oprah Winfrey.

The Oprah Winfrey Show says the interview with the Duchess of York will air Tuesday.

The program says it will be Ferguson's first TV interview since the news broke last weekend.

But Ferguson hasn't been hiding out. On Wednesday she appeared before booksellers and librarians at a New York trade show to promote children's books. She didn't address the scandal directly during a panel with other authors at Book Expo America but made a few references to it.

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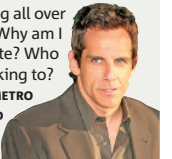
LINDSAY LOHAN is star-struck, **BEN STILLER** was a 24 fan until the end and **MATTHEW PERRY** is still obsessing over Lost.

@lindsaylohan at a lunch mtng w/my friend Victoria & Johnny Depp just came and said hi to me, life is good. Need I say more? NOPE!

@RedHourBen 24 finale was really moving. That show was so consistently entertaining for so long. I will miss Jack Bauer.

@langfordperry Knowing what we know now, is it worth going back to season 1 and watching all over again? Why am I up so late? Who am I talking to?

METRO WORLD NEWS



James' dad denies child abuse claim

SEEMS LIKE JESSE IS RUNNING OUT OF SUPPORTERS Jesse James claimed during his recent interview with Nightline that he was abused as a child by his father, leading at one time to a broken arm. But the claims are false, James' dad tells Radar Online.

"My kids were my whole life. I would never

ever hurt any one of them. I would have died before I would have hurt them," Larry James tells the website. "I think he made these allegations because he's told so many lies for so many years about his childhood."

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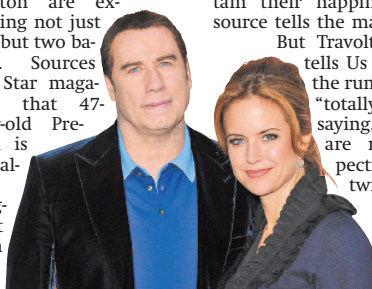


Twins on the way Garth blamed for split

THE MORE THE MERRIER Rumors are swirling that John Travolta and Kelly Preston are expecting not just one but two babies. Sources tell Star magazine that 47-year-old Preston is actually pregnant with

twins. "Now that there will be two, they can barely contain their happiness," a source tells the magazine. But Travolta's rep tells Us Weekly the rumors are "totally false," saying, "They are not expecting twins."

METRO WORLD NEWS



IF YOU ARE GONNA MAKE UP A FAKE AFFAIR AT LEAST HAVE IT BE BRAD PITT OR GEORGE CLOONEY Country music star Garth Brooks has found himself in the middle of a divorce battle between a couple he's never met, according to the National Enquirer.

"My wife would leave the house

for periods of time indicating that she was 'going to meet Garth,' referring to Garth Brooks, the country music singer," the husband claims in

court papers obtained by the newspaper. "She claimed to be contacting him by e-mail, cell phone and in person."

The wife insists she's not obsessed with Brooks and has never met him, saying, "My husband was doing drugs, and when I found out, I stopped letting him see my son. That's when they cooked up this rumor I was having an affair with Garth Brooks."

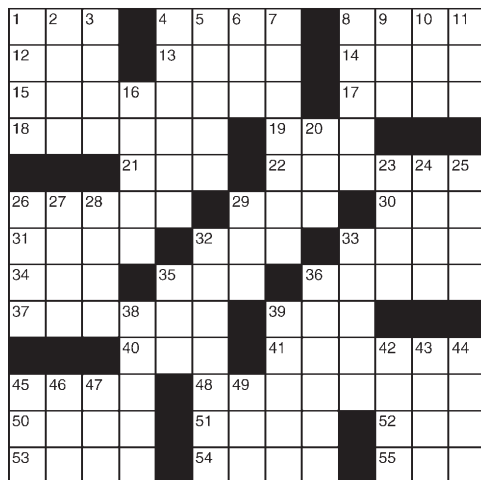
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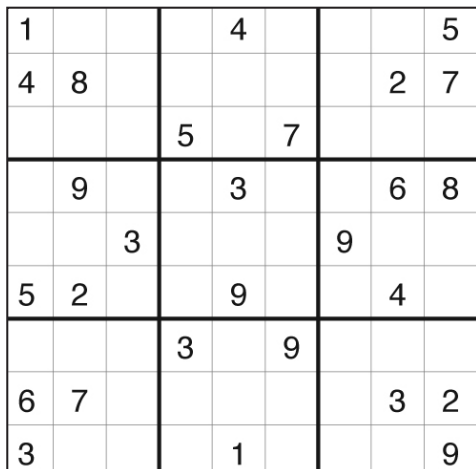
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- 4 Polio vaccine pioneer
- 8 Part of a Superman costume
- 12 Shelter
- 13 Entreaty
- 14 Bloodhound's clue
- 15 Broadcasting
- 17 Addict
- 18 Make beloved
- 19 Fourth after 1-Across
- 21 Branch
- 22 Listening to cheesy music, maybe
- 26 Water pitchers
- 29 — out a living
- 30 Life story, briefly
- 31 Make small talk
- 32 Pirouette pivot
- 33 Locate
- 34 That woman
- 35 Aachen article
- 36 Gambling

DOWN

- 1 Shaving cream additive
- 2 Teller's partner
- 3 Sent back (Abbr.)
- 4 "Oops! ... I Did It Again" singer
- 5 More than just startle
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- 7 Singalong of a sort
- 8 Cold symptom
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- 11 Mess up
- 16 Core
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- 24 Scourge of serge
- 25 Extinct bird
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- 28 Count counterpart
- 29 A really long time
- 32 Secure with a rope
- 33 Specialty
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- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 1/2 cups uncooked long grain rice
- 1 cup chopped red onion
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic, divided
- 1 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 red pepper, julienned
- 1 green pepper, julienned
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 tsp minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp basil
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 1/4 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 cup peas
- 500 g boneless skinless chicken breasts, sliced
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted

METHOD:

1. In pot, bring broth, rice,

onion, 1 tsp garlic, chili powder, salt, turmeric, pepper and bay leaf to boil. Cover; simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender. Discard bay leaf. 2. In skillet, stir peppers, onions, parsley, basil, thyme, pepper sauce and remaining garlic in butter over medium-high heat 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook until peppers are crisp-tender. Add tomato and peas; heat through. Remove from heat. Add rice. 3. In another skillet, stir chicken in lemon juice over medium-high heat until chicken juices run clear. Toss with rice mixture; sprinkle with almonds.

SERVES 6

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Don't waste time asking yourself why certain events had to take place. What's done is done and the only thing that matters now is how you choose to react.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

There are changes in the air, changes that you can profit from if you stay calm and keep your eye on your number one aim.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Friends and family may not approve of what you are doing but you are not about to let that hold you back.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

As Uranus moves into the work and wellbeing area of your chart today you will no doubt be thinking about ways you can improve your daily routine.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

What matters now is the big picture. What matters now is the grand design. You know that you are capable of so much more.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You are about to undergo a radical change in your outlook, the kind of change that happens only two or three times in a life span.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Something you are involved in and believe in has, until now, been more about talk than about action.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You will be expected to give up something you have grown used to and fond of, but deep down you know it is time to move on.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Something extraordinary and unexpected will happen today and if you are quick off the mark you can be the one who gains the most from it.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Uranus, your ruler, moves into one of the more positive areas of the sky for you today and it won't be long before you feel the benefits.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

An upheaval of some kind will throw those around you into a tizzy today but you will stay calm and stay focused on your number one aim.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

What you must remember today is that everything you do in your life, whether on a physical, mental or emotional level, affects everyone else.



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